

In the Specification

Replace the paragraph on page 11 beginning at line 14 with the following:

In another embodiment, media storage 218 are provided to store various messages. For example, an SMS text message can be forwarded not only to an IM server 210, but also the media storage 218. A message containing a picture can be forwarded to an online journal or an online album. In addition, user preferences could be applied so that only messages originating from the a registered phone number would be able to be forwarded to the media storage 218. Alternatively, user preferences could also be applied to allow messages from any originating phone number to be forwarded to the media storage 218.

Replace the paragraph on page 12 beginning at line 14 with the following:

In one embodiment of the invention, the SMS text message recipient subscribes to both the SMS service and the IM service. At the time of the registration of the services, the recipient receives an SMS address, or has one already assigned, which is typically the telephone number of the mobile device number for the SMS service. For example, an SMS text message recipient Jane Smith is assigned an SMS text message address 650.555.1212, which is her mobile telephone number. A user of a mobile phone may send an SMS text message to the mobile phone of Jane Smith by specifying the phone number 650.555.1212 as the destination address. An email address, such as 6505551212@serviceprovider.com, may also be used for sending a text message from an email client program to the SMS center of the service provider for delivery as the SMS text message to the mobile device at the address of 650.555.1212.

Replace the paragraph on page 13 beginning at line 21 with the following:

Subsequently, the dynamic message control server determines whether the recipient at the mobile device number has enabled the SMS forwarding feature 3046. The SMS text message is forwarded to the mobile device number directly 308 if it is determined that the recipient at the mobile device number did not enable the SMS forwarding feature 306.

Replace the paragraph on page 16 beginning at line 1 with the following:

Meanwhile, an SMS text message sender with an SMS-enabled mobile phones would not have to learn anything new, as unfamiliarity with a new technology may become an obstacle for some users. By virtue of sending an SMS text message to a mobile device number that happens to be registered for an SMS text messaging to Instant Message forwarding feature, an SMS text message user can communicate with an IM user who is present on the Internet via the IM user interface.

Replace the paragraph on page 21 beginning at line 18 with the following:

It is then determined whether the SMS text message should be forwarded to not to the destination telephone number 610. If it is determined that the SMS text message can continue on to its destination, then the SMS text message is delivered to the SMS-enabled mobile phone or an IMS receiver 612. Alternatively, if it is determined that the SMS text message should not continue on to its destination, no attempt of delivery of the SMS text message is made 614.